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SUBJECT:MILITARY TRAINING FOR YAR (IMET)

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SUMMARY: WE NEED \$500,000 IN FY 77 IMET FUNDS.

1. SECDEF CABLE UNDER REFERENCE REFLECTS CONCERN ABOUT WHETHER TRAINING WHICH YEMENIS WILL OBTAIN WILL BE ADEQUATE TO ALLOW THEM TO ABSORB THE LARGE AMOUNTS OF EQUIPMENT NOW BEGINNING TO ARRIVE. I AM ALSO CONCERNED.

2. SAUDIS HAVE JUST TOLD US THAT THEY HAVE 500 YEMENIS IN TRAINING IN SAUDI ARABIA. WHILE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE STUDYING OR WHEN THEY MIGHT COME BACK, THE NUMBER IS REASSURINGLY AND SURPRISINGLY LARGE. SOME YEMENIS ARE IN JORDAN, AND THAT PROGRAM TOO WILL HELP IN ASSIMILATING US EQUIPMENT AND TACTICS AS WELL AS IN COUNTERING VIEWPOINTS WHICH EXTENSIVE SOVIET TRAINING HAS PROBABLY INSTILLED IN YEMENI OFFICER CORPS OVER THE YEARS.

3. WE SHOULD, OF COURSE, PUSH THE SAUDIS FROM OTHER VANTAGES THAN SANA TO GET THEM TO FUND US TRAINING, WHICH THEY HAVE REPEATEDLY AGREED TO DO IN PRINCIPLE. NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY OURSELVES, THROUGH IMET, AND I WANT TO POINT OUT A SIMPLE MISUNDERSTANDING WHICH IS HAMPERING OUR EFFORTS.

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4. WHEN I WAS ON CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON I AGREED TO A LEVEL OF \$280,000 FOR FY 77 UNDER THE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE TRANSITION QUARTER. THIS WOULD PUT OFF A \$500,000 LEVEL UNTIL FY 78, WHEN, INCIDENTALLY, INFLATION OF TRAINING COST MAY MAKE THAT HIGHER LEVEL NO MORE USEFUL IN TERMS OF NUMBERS OF MEN TRAINED THAN THE PRESENT LEVEL OF \$280,000.

5. I REGRET THE MISUNDERSTANDING BECAUSE WE NEED AS MUCH TRAINING MONEY AS WE CAN GET EARLY IN THE DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT, NOT AFTER EQUIPMENT IS ALREADY HERE. THIS NEED IS COMPOUNDED BY THE FACT THAT WE DID NOT GET ADEQUATE LEVELS IN FY 76 OR IN THE TQ, AND SO WITH ALL OF OUR FY 76, TQ, AND FORESEEABLE FY 77 MONEY EXPENDED, WE WILL HAVE SENT A TOTAL OF ONLY 35 MEN TO THE STATES FOR TRAINING. 35 MEN IN 27 MONTHS IS NOT ENOUGH.

6. IN ALL OF MY LETTERS TO STATE AND DOD OFFICIALS I ASKED FOR A LEVEL OF \$500,000 FOR THE PRESENT FISCAL YEAR. I REALIZE THAT YOU AND FRED GERLACH HAD TO MOUNT A MAJOR EFFORT TO GET THE \$280,000. I WANT TO ASK YOU, HOWEVER, NOW TO MAKE A SPECIAL FURTHER EFFORT TO GET A RE-APPORTIONMENT OF IMET FUNDS THIS YEAR TO BRING US UP TO THE \$500,000. THIS IS QUITE SMALL IN RELATION TO THE TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL BE DELIVERED THIS YEAR. IT IS ALSO QUITE SMALL IN RELATION TO THE POLITICAL IMPACT WHICH WE CAN MAKE AT THE OUTSET OF A LARGE PROGRAM OF EQUIPMENT DELIVERIES.

7. THIS MORNING, AS I SAT AT MY DESK AT TEN O'CLOCK I THOUGHT OF TRYING OUR NEW PHONE LINK TO OVERSEAS BUT DECIDED YOU MIGHT NOT BE AT THE OFFICE AT TWO A.M. PLEASE SEND YOUR HOME NUMBER ASAP.  
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